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MS Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

## RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

## Commissioner for Patents:

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated March 9, 2006, applicant traverses the pending USPTO response that new claims 34-36 are non-responsive since they each do not indicate their dependencies upon other claims. It is Applicant's position that claims 34-36 are each independent claims, so do not need to indicate a dependency upon another claim. Consideration of elected claim 16 and new claims is now requested.

If additional fees are believed necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 04-0258.

If questions remain regarding this application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at (206) 628-7670.

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